

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 18, line 2, please delete the sentence "Graphical user interface methods are described." ✓

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims 1, 5, and 7-10 as follows:

1        1. (Amended) In a player/recorder system having a plurality of audio  
2        processing modules each having one or more tracks and each connected to a  
3        computer system having a processor and a display, a graphical user interface  
4        method of centrally controlling each of the one or more tracks of the plurality of  
5        audio processing modules, the method comprising the steps of:  
6                generating a first display portion on the display by the processor, the first  
7        display portion including one or more control boxes to substantial  
8        contemporaneously control a corresponding one or more tracks of the plurality of  
9        audio processing modules; and  
10               generating a second display portion on the display by the processor, the  
11       second display portion including a central control mechanism for substantial  
12       contemporaneously controlling all of the one or more tracks of the plurality of  
13       audio processing modules.

1        5. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of generating a  
2        second display portion includes [the step of said second display portion,  
3        including] a global play command for controlling the one or more tracks of the  
4        audio processing modules.

*X 2*  
*X 3 4 5*  
*X 3*

1        7. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of generating a  
2        second display portion includes [the step of said second display portion,  
3        including] a global stop command for controlling the one or more tracks of the  
4        audio processing modules.

*X 3*  
*X 4 5*  
*X 5*

1           8. (Amended) In a player/recorder system having a plurality of audio  
2       processing modules each having one or more input/output ("I/O") channels and  
3       each connected to a computer system having a processor and a display, a  
4       graphical user interface method of centrally controlling each of the one or more  
5       I/O channels of the plurality of audio processing modules, the method  
6       comprising the steps of:

7           generating a first display portion, the first display portion including one  
8       or more control boxes to substantial contemporaneously control a corresponding  
9       one or more I/O channels of the plurality of audio processing modules;

10          displaying the first display portion by the processor on the display for  
11       control by a user;

12          selecting a control command on a specified control box by the user;

13          transmitting the control command from the computer system to the audio  
14       processing module having the I/O channel corresponding to the specified  
15       control box; and

16          performing a task assigned to the control command by the audio  
17       processing module with respect to the I/O channel.

1           9. (Amended) In a player/recorder system having a plurality of audio  
2        processing modules each having one or more input/output ("I/O") channels and  
3        each connected to a computer system having a processor and a display, a  
4        graphical user interface method of centrally controlling all of the one or more  
5        I/O channels of the plurality of audio processing modules, the method  
6        comprising the steps of:  
7           generating a display portion, the display portion including a central  
8        control mechanism to substantial contemporaneously control all of the one or  
9        more I/O channels of the plurality of audio processing modules;  
10          displaying the display portion by the processor on the display for control  
11        by a user;  
12          selecting the central control mechanism;  
13          transmitting a global control command associated with the central control  
14        mechanism from the computer system to the plurality of audio processing  
15        modules; and  
16          each audio processing module, causing all the I/O channels to perform a  
17        task assigned to the global control command.

1           10. (Amended) An apparatus for controlling a plurality of audio  
2        processing modules in a player/recorder system, each of the plurality of audio  
3        processing modules having one or more input/output ("I/O") channels, the  
4        apparatus comprising:  
5            a processor; and  
6            a display including  
7            a first display portion produced by the processor, the first display portion  
8        including one or more control boxes to substantial contemporaneously control  
9        corresponding I/O channels of the plurality of audio processing modules, and  
10            a second display portion produced by the processor, the second display  
11        portion including a central control mechanism to substantial contemporaneously  
12        control all of the one or more I/O channels of the plurality of audio processing  
13        modules.

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